27. Necessary regulations and appointing Ombudsman for redressal of consumers' grievances to be in place in six months.

Potential of Hydro-electric Plants in NE

268. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that North-East region has a potential to generate 34,000 MW of hydroelectricity, but so far only 668 MW has been tapped;

(b) if so, whether Government has any plans to set up hydroelectric plants in the NE to generate the power which could be connected to the national grid for tiding over the shortage in other parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) (a) As per re-assessment study carried out by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) the hydro-electric potential of North Eastern Region is 31,857 MW at 60% load factor (equivalent to about 58,971 MW installed capacity). Out of this identified capacity, power projects of an aggregate installed capacity of 1094.7 MW are presently in operation in North Eastern Region.

(b) and (c) The following Central and State Sector hydro-electric projects are presently under execution/implementation in North Eastern Region for benefits during 10th Plan and beyond:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)	Implementing Agency	State
1.	Tuirial	60	NEEPCO	Mizoram
2.	Kameng	600	NEEPCO	Arunachal Pradesh
3.	Subansiri Lower	2000	NHPC	Arunachal Pradesh
4.	Myntdu	84	MSEB	Meghalaya
5.	Karbi Langpi	100	ASEB	Assam
6.	Loktak DS	90	NHPC	Manipur
	TOTAL	2734		

CEA has given Techno-Economic Clearance for the Tipaimukh HEP (1500MW) of North Eastern Electric Power Corporation in Manipur. CEA has also cleared taking up Stage-II activities in respect of Ranganadi Stage-II (130MW) and Dikrong (110 MW) HEP's of NEEPCO in Arunachal Pradesh, and Siang Middle HEP (100 MW) Subansiri Middle HEP (1600 MW) and Subansiri Upper HEP (2000 MW) of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation in Arunachal Pradesh.

Government of Mizoram has undertaken to develop Bairabi Dam (80 MW), which has been recommended by the Ministry of Power to the Ministry of Finance for ADB assistance.

Under the 50,000 MW Hydroelectric Initiative lodged by the Government, Preliminary Feasibility Reports of 162 Hydroelectric schemes having an aggregate installed capacity of 47,930 MW have been prepared. These include 62 Hydroelectric schemes with an aggregate installed capacity of 30,416 MW in Nort Eastern Region as per details given below:

Sl.No.	State	No. of Scheme	Installed Capacity (MW)
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	42	27,293
2.	Manipur	3	362
3.	Meghalaa	11	931
4.	Mizoram	3	1500
5.	Nagaland	3	330
	TOTAL	62	30,416

23 schemes aggregating to 20,582 MW low tariff schemes (first year tariff below Rs. 2.50 per unit) have been selected for survey and investigations and preparation of Detailed Project Report in North Eastern Region schemes may yield benefits during the 12th and 13th Plan period.

Targets for setting up Power Projects

†269. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the targets fixed by the Government for setting up of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.